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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1882.

One of the most interesting events of our racing season is the public auction of discarded race ponies which is held annually, a few days after the race meeting. The fountain in front of the City Hall, specially granted by the Captain Superintendent of Police, is the *rome*, MESSRS. LANE, CRAWFORD, & CO., the Hongkong Tattersalls. Shortly before four o'clock on Friday afternoon a large crowd, comprising the major portion of our sporting community, had assembled in front of the City Hall, and were scrutinising with more or less interest the 30 ponies which were catalogued for disposal under the hammer. The assemblage was, of course, a motley one, and included a very large number of onlookers, to a very small proportion of buyers. Several gentleman jockeys whose figures are well known in the saddle on every race course in China were there; some of them intent on business, others languidly watching the final act of the Hongkong sporting drama of the current year. A Portuguese nobleman from Macao is affording some amusement by his extraordinary antics. He is a little man, keen and active in his movements, and from his general "get up" and heavy spurs we at once infer he is a horsey character. Accompanied by the Portuguese Consul General, and a tall, handsome gentleman of military appearance, our little friend is going the round of the ponies, carefully inspecting each individual animal in a manner we had never previously witnessed. Thumping one pony in the ribs, lifting up the fore-legs of another and tapping the hoof with his clenched fist, moving a third backwards and forwards in most eccentric fashion, may be the Portuguese custom of examining horses, but it looks strange to English eyes, and we are afraid in the present instance it not only afforded food for gossip and caused great amusement but will be found in the long run thoroughly deceptive, so far as practical results are concerned. The big little man in the sombrero and spurs is, however, in his element, and enjoying himself apparently, and although he is being generally laughed at, that in no way disturbs his equanimity. He presently approaches Second Cornet with a jaunty step, but beats a hasty and somewhat ignominious retreat, amidst the jeers of the crowd, when that noble savage rears up and rushes at him open-mouthed. The opportune arrival of the officiating auctioneer, Mr. G. R. LAMMERT, who is acting for MESSRS. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., puts an end to the preliminaries and opens the ball in earnest.

"How much for Wild Race, winner of last year's Derby; five dollars, going at five, ten, fifteen, twenty-five dollars for the Derby winner, going for twenty-five" and the handsome grey, which compassed the Derby course a year ago in 3 minutes 4 seconds, is, after a short palaver, knocked down to Mr. C. H. HUTCHINGS, his destination being one of the Coast Ports where he is likely enough to win races. "Dan'l's" pet lamb, the blood-like Redstart, is the next lot, and this gay deceiver looks the thorough gentleman as he steps daintily along with head erect, showing himself off to the very best advantage. Fifty dollars is the first offer for the winner of the Can-

ton Cup, Navy Plate, and Consolation Stakes in by-gone years, and he is quickly run up to a hundred and ten, at which figure "the demon" secures him a rare bargain for the Foochow Spring Meeting. "Make way there," shouts Mr. LAMMERT, "make way for Wild Sall; there can be no question about this being a first class animal, winner of the Nil Desperandum, just the sort of animal for the 'Dragoon Cavalry' of Macao. Now, gentleman, how much for this first class racer?" After a deal of hesitation five dollars are offered, and by dint of the auctioneer's persuasive eloquence, bids are slowly tendered until twenty-five dollars from the Portuguese Consul General clenches the matter, and the speedy grey is knocked down, his destination being the Macao Police department. Lame Duck excites little attention, although the competition between a well known young athlete and a Chinese purchaser produces some amusement, and when the Celestial cries go at ten dollars, leaving Mr. Kraevoort's lame subscription griffin to pass into the youngster's hands at an advance of one dollar on that sum, a hearty laugh is heard all round the ring. Bohemian, after a smart competition between his old jockey and Mr. NICKELS, is knocked down at less than half his value to the first named, and should be heard of to advantage when meeting second class cattle in Foochow or Amoy. That archimpostor Bavarian looks a dear purchase to "Dan'l", at twenty dollars; but as that astute individual afterwards succeeded in disposing of his purchase to the Macao commissioners at a clear profit of fifty, his speculation was a somewhat lucky one. Wild might one exclaim "how have the mighty fallen" when old Wild Surf, clever winner of a Shanghai Griffins, but now a mere wreck of a race-pony, was sold into drudgery for eight dollars. Would not a friendly bullet, under the circumstances, have been a better fate for the faithful slave that had rendered such good service in his palmy days? We think it would. White Stockings, with all the makings of a first class hack and carriage pony was sold cheap at 45 dollars; and then the fiery Phantom fell to the nod of a Chinaman for five Mexicans, his destination being a Canton restaurant.

The slashing Dunrobin, for whom Taels 500 were refused last summer, suffering from a hacking cough that was painful to listen to, was no great catch to the Macao police for 95 dollars, although if he only gets over his cough he may prove a useful animal, as he is a splendid trotter with grand action. Airlie, winner of the Victoria Plate, and powerful enough to carry 15st. to hounds, was not a dear purchase at 120, although this pony has seen rather too many summers ever to hold his own racing in good company. Still he has a grandturn of speed, and with an unrivalled capacity for carrying weight he might win his new owner a sprint race or two at one of the out-ports. The racing-like Second Violin naturally attracted great attention; but although 320 dollars were offered for the speedy bay, the reserve was not reached and he was sent back unsold. The handsome Lord of the Isles being withdrawn, and no offer being made for the roan Second Cornet, a draft from Mr. GRANTON'S team comprising Shot, Grenade, and Coningsby were next disposed of for 50, 55, and 50 respectively, the last-named "screw" falling to the bid of the gentleman with the sombrero and spurs, for the "Dragoon Cavalry" of Macao. A shapely bay griffin, perfectly sound and broken to side saddle, was a bargain at a century to a well known "crack" cricketer, who has frequently done the Garrison good service in the tented field, and who will find his new purchase a useful sort of nag in Singapore. Mountain Dew, one of the two griffins, passed into Celestial hands at the low figure of 14 dollars, and then Souter Johnny and Lochiel—the latter with a pair of gammy-looking fore-legs which fully explains this handsome pony's extraordinary deterioration on the race course—were returned unsold, although the latter afterwards joined the Macao contingent at an outlay of 90 dollars. Whisper, a very handsome iron grey that broke down in his near fore fetlock when running for the Valley Stakes, will make a very pleasant hack if he can be kept sound, which is doubtful; however, he was cheap enough at half a century. An eminent local solicitor, who at one time owned old Steamboat, secured a rare bargain in Strathisla at 100, the quondam favourite for last year's Derby, notwithstanding his being rather slab-sided, possessing excellent shapes, and undeniable action, besides being as quiet as a sheep. Another lame one—Don Enrique's grey subscription griffin that was sent down from Shanghai dead lame—at a cost of forty dollars joined the band of cripples secured for the Macao police; and then old Dauntless, deeply fired on both forelegs but perfectly sound, failed to reach his reserve, and joins Lord of the Isles and Robbie

Burns in their summer retirement. Pedrillo changed hands for a mere song; but the handsome Jet reached 75 dollars before the hammer fell, although he is a complete "screw," and blessed with a temper besides. The bonny bay Sub Rosa was one of the bargains of the sale at 90 dollars, for the winner of the Broker's Cup is as handsome as paint, and should make a splendid trap-pony. The lame Thunder was well sold at 40, and after a few saddles, carriages, &c., had been disposed of, the curtain finally fell on the eventful racing season of 1881-82.

The gentleman who reported the particulars of the departure of Sir John Pope Hennessy from Murray Wharf yesterday afternoon, for the evening print, must have a particularly vivid imagination; or his report must have been pruned and added to, to suit the well known partiality of his chief for the departed Governor. Political bias notwithstanding, a newspaper report of any public proceeding should be accurate. In this instance they did not get it; but were palmed off with one more example of the *China Mail's* own particular style of reporting in all matters concerning Governor Hennessy.

A TELEGRAM from Paris on the 2nd ult. announcing the official declaration of the failure of the Union Générale de Paris, states that M. Boatois had been arrested.

The German steamer *Nona* and the German ship *Raven* have gone round to Aden to day to be docked there, and the British steamer *Arratoy Apear* has gone into the Cosmopolitan Dock.

INSPECTOR BREMMER being about to proceed home on leave, the native shopkeepers of Aberdeen and Aigleau, amongst whom he has served several years in various positions in the police force, have presented him with a hand-some silk flag as a mark of their esteem.

WE draw attention to an advertisement in another column, announcing the opening of Colonel Ike Austin's American Rifle Range at the United Club, where the Colonel will give an exhibition of his prowess with firearms, and instructions how to become a workman are given free of charge.

FROM a telegram in an Indian paper we observe that an enthusiastic meeting was held in New York on February warmly sympathising with the sufferings of the Jews in Russia, and it was resolved that the United States Government should be requested to intercede to stay their persecution.

THE Standard of February 3rd publishes a telegram from St. Petersburg stating that a treaty was signed on the 22nd December between Russia and Persia, for the settlement of the frontier question, by which Russia receives the whole of the Akhal Tekke Oasis to within 16 versts of Seraks.

A TELEGRAM from Constantinople to a Calcutta paper on the 2nd ult. states that the Dragomans of the Ambassadors of the Great Powers, with the exception of England and France, have delivered an identical verbal notification that the alteration of the Egyptian *status quo* requires the assent of all the Great Powers.

WITH further reference to the attempt on the life of the Queen, we learn by wire that there was a universal thanksgiving in all the Churches on Sunday for escape of Her Majesty, and the Lords and Commons have voted a congratulatory address. It is also stated that the would-be assassin is a man named Maclean, who was formerly in a lunatic asylum.

WE learn that the following appointments have been made in the Police Department, consequent on the Hon. W. M. Deane's taking up the post of Acting Colonial secretary—Mr. G. H. Horst, Acting Deputy Superintendent, to be Acting Captain superintendent; Mr. T. Grey, Acting Chief Inspector, to be Acting Deputy superintendent; Mr. J. Cradock, Inspector, to be Acting Chief Inspector.

WE regret to hear of the serious illness of Commodore Cumming, who is suffering from diphteria. The commodore has enjoyed but indifferent health for some months past, and he recently took a trip to Canton in the *Vigilant* in the hope of benefiting by the change, but we hear that, having accepted the hospitality of a friend on shore, he was taken so ill whilst at the house that medical advice had to be sent for from Hongkong.

A GAZETTE Extraordinary was issued yesterday, which contained the following notification:—His Excellency Governor Sir John Pope Hennessy, K.C.M.G., having this day departed from the Colony on leave of absence, it is hereby notified that, in accordance with the provisions made in Royal Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, bearing date at Westminster, the Ninth day of April, 1877, the Government of this Colony will be administered, until further notice, by the Honourable Malcolm Struan Tonnochy, Acting Colonial secretary, who has this day been duly sworn in.

THE members of the Portuguese community must feel deeply indebted to the writer of "Editorial Notes" in last night's *China Mail* for his remarks on the address presented by a deputation of Portuguese Civil servants to Sir John Pope Hennessy on the preceding day. With what aim the comments alluded to were penned, or what they actually mean to convey we would rather not venture to attempt to define. The writer, doubtless, intended to convey something to his readers, but what that something may be, he has kept carefully to himself. Our contemporary must be badly off for "padding" when it condescends to go out of its way to coarsely vilify and grossly insult" for no apparent reason that we can fathom, a certain section of the community, the Portuguese servants of the government, who are admitted even by the *China Mail* to be deserving of all credit.

A PARAGRAPH in last night's *China Mail* referring to the presentation of an address by a deputation of Portuguese gentlemen to H.E. the Governor is, not to use a harsher term, the reverse of accurate. The assertion that "no prior notice was given to the newspapers of the presentation" is untrue; the contemptible insinuation to the effect that the Governor's reply to the address must be taken at whatever worth can be placed on a communicated speech, is worthy of the source from whence it emanates. We received a copy of the address, and an intimation of the hour at which it was to be presented, from the Portuguese gentlemen interested; our representative was present at Government House when the presentation was made and a complete and accurate report of the proceedings appeared in this journal the same afternoon. A newspaper which has the indecency to insinuate that the late Duke of Newcastle directed Sir John Bowring to appoint Mr. L. Almada e Castro to the Colonial secretaryship of Hongkong merely because the island was at that time considered one of the most unhealthy of colonies, can hardly feel surprised if respectable people prefer to ignore its existence as a recognised factor in public affairs.

